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### Introduction:

Hypertensive emergency is an uncommon presentation of rheumatic disease but can be seen in disorders affecting the renal arteries and kidneys. Takayasu arteritis is a large vessel vasculitis affecting young females classically presenting with claudication, systemic illness and asymmetric blood pressures. We describe a young, African American female who presented with hypertensive emergency, altered mental status and seizure then found to have abdominal aortitis and bilateral renal artery stenosis consistent with type IV Takayasu arteritis.

### Case Description:

A 22 year old African American female with past medical history of mild developmental delay developed increasing fatigue and 20 pound weight loss over two months. She then presented with a headache, grand mal seizure and altered mental status prompting ICU admission. Admission blood pressure was 218/130 and equal in all extremities. Severe hypertension required IV Cardene management. MRI and CT brain demonstrated changes consistent with recent seizure but no focal lesions or bleeding. CT evaluation of chest and abdomen demonstrated circumferential thickening of the abdominal aortal at the level of the renal arteries, extending to the bifurcation. WBC was 18, Hgb was 11 and platelets were 393K. ESR and CRP were 70 and 4.0 respectively. She had an ANA of 1:80 in a speckled pattern. IgG4 sub-classes were normal. Serum creatinine was 1.37 with 1.3 grams of protein/24 hours. Laboratory evaluation of metanephrines, aldosterone and renin was unremarkable. Her initial Indian Takayasu Activity Score (ITAS) was 9. She did not meet ACR 1990 Adult classification criteria but met EULAR/PRINTO/PRES pediatric criteria for Takayasu arteritis with abnormal imaging, elevated inflammatory markers and

hypertension. She was started on oral anti-hypertensives and high dose prednisone followed by Infliximab. She has not required vascular bypass, stenting or other interventions.

### Discussion:

The overall estimated prevalence of Takayasu arteritis in the US is 2.6 cases per million adults. Takayasu arteritis is a large vessel vasculitis primary affecting young adult females involving the aortic arch and upper extremities. Hypertension, fatigue and headache are early manifestations of adult Takayasu arteritis followed by asymmetric blood pressure and claudication. Pediatric cases often involve the abdominal aorta and renal arteries but hypertensive crisis is uncommon.

### Conclusion:

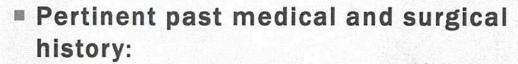
Our patient's acute mental status changes and severe hypertensive crisis was a highly unusual presentation for adult Takayasu arteritis. Her symptoms were most consistent with a pediatric Takayasu arteritis type IV presentation which is unfamiliar to most adult rheumatologists. This patient responded to aggressive corticosteroid and antihypertensive therapy at onset and is clinical stable on Infliximab infusions.

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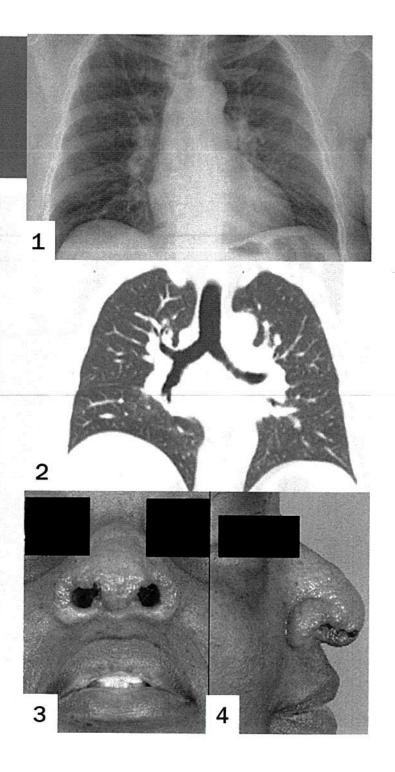
Neurologic Symptoms New Nerve-racking

# **BACKGROUND**

A 56 y/o female with sarcoidosis manifested by hilar adenopathy (figures 1&2) and lupus pernio (figures 3&4) treated with Adalimumab x 2 months followed by new onset, progressive, ascending lower extremity weakness



- ER/PR + Breast cancer (stage III) in 2013
- Bilateral mastectomy and lymph node dissection
- Polyneuropathy from Adriamycin and CTX
- Partial thyroidectomy



# SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

# Hospitalization 1:

- LP
  - Negative cytology
  - Negative culture
  - Elevated protein (500g)
- Normal nerve conduction studies
- MRI brain-
  - Enhancement of cranial nerves and increased ventricular volume
- MRI spine-
  - Without evidence of demyelination, mass or abscess

# **Audience Participation**

What is the most likely cause of her weakness?

- A. Guillen-Barre Syndrome
- B. Anti-TNF side effect
- C. Neurosarcoidosis
- D. Infection
- E. Metastatic Cancer

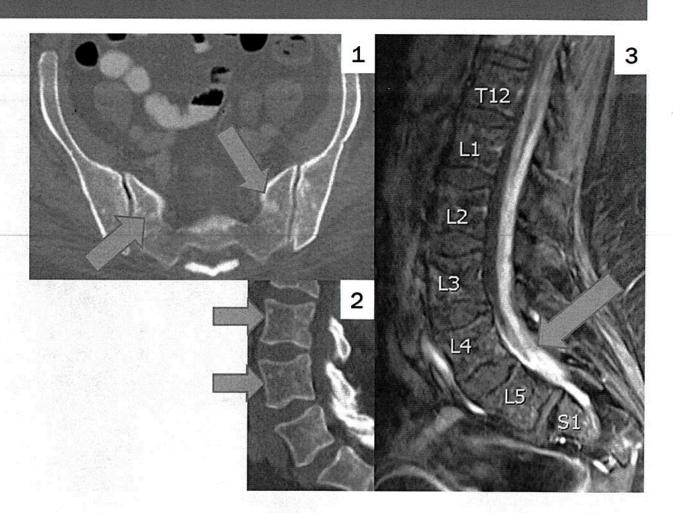
# INTERVAL EVENTS

- Neurosarcoidosis suspected as etiology for new symptoms with no evidence of cancer, infection or demyelination
- Patient received monthly Infliximab (5mg/kg x 4 weeks) x 3 months with resolution of lupus pernio
- Lupus pernio flared and Infliximab dose was increased to 7mg/kg
- Relapse of lower extremity weakness complicated by urinary retention and saddle anesthesia
  - Admitted to the hospital and started on high dose steroids (1mg/kg)

# SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

# Hospitalization 2

- **LP #2** 
  - Negative cytology
  - Negative culture
  - 18 cells
  - >2g protein
- MRI Spine
  - Enhancement of meninges, no cauda equina (Figure 3)
- CT Spine/Pelvis
  - Multiple sclerotic bony lesions within the pelvis and vertebral bodies (Figures 1,2)



# **AUDIENCE RESPONSE QUESTION**

What is the most likely etiology for the neurological deficits and imaging findings?

- A. Neurosarcoidosis
- B. Metastatic cancer
- C. Anti-TNF side effect
- D. Disseminated mycobacterium infection
- E. Multiple myeloma

# **WORK UP AND THERAPY**



# Ilium Bone Biopsy

- Sclerotic infiltrative process
- Poorly differentiated tumor cells
- Immunohistochemical profile and histologic features are compatible with a poorly differentiated metastatic carcinoma of mammary origin

# ■ LP #3

 Cytology + for GATA-3<sup>1</sup> staining, atypical cells, consistent with carcinoma

# Treatment

- Discontinued Infliximab
- Continue high dose steroids (1mg/kg)
- Oncology consultation

 GATA-3 is a transcription factor involved in differentiation of breast tissue and has been posited to be a useful marker in detecting metastatic mammary carcinoma.

# SUMMARY

- Although initially treated for new onset Neurosarcoidosis, our patient was ultimately diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer as the etiology of the neurologic complaints and imaging abnormalities
- Our patient's diagnosis was not made until 6 months after onset of initial neurologic symptoms

# CONCLUSION

- Metastatic malignancy may mimic progression of sarcoidosis, Anti-TNF side effects and infection, creating a diagnostic dilemma
- Thorough reevaluation of persistent and worsening symptoms despite Infliximab infusions was crucial in arriving upon the correct diagnosis
- Bone biopsy was essential for the diagnosis of her metastatic cancer

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